



JUDICIAL PROFILE

Louis A. Araneta was appointed as a Superior Court Judge in 1993. He served in the Family Court Department from May 1998, to June 2000. He is currently assigned to the Criminal Department. He has served as a judicial officer since 1990 when he was selected as a Superior Court Commissioner and assigned to criminal and family court calendars.

Judge Araneta graduated with honors from Stanford University where he received his B.A. in History in 1973 and his J.D. in 1978. He served as a Federal Public Defender in Phoenix from 1978-1981, which regularly required him to present legal arguments before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. From 1981 to 1983, he was with the law firm of Meyers, Gregor and Pohlman where his area of practice focused on banking and real estate litigation. From 1983 to 1988, he served as an Assistant Arizona Attorney General in the Civil Rights Division. From 1988 to 1990, he worked as a Maricopa County Deputy Public Defender.



Prior to becoming a judicial officer, Judge Araneta served as an officer and board member for Community Legal Services, Los Abogados Hispanic Bar Association and was a member of the "Zlaket" Civil Rules Committee, which drafted sweeping changes to streamline civil litigation. He was a member of Valley leadership, Class XIV. He has been a speaker at various continuing legal education seminars. Judge Araneta has remained involved in community and legal activities including volunteer service as a school outreach speaker, and moot court and mock trial judge at ASU Law School. He was born and raised in Tucson and graduated from Salpointe High School.